subject, the Board decided that financial benefits can only be effective from the date of assumption of charge in the higher rank and no arrears are payable from the date of notional fixation of pay consequent to promotion based on review DPC.

Welfare SchemEs for SCs/STs in far flung areas in H.P.

2554. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state.

(a) the details of welfare schemes/programmes for Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes and those living in far flung areas in Himachal Pradesh, together with the funds sanctioned;

(b) whether Government review these programmes from time to time;

(c) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(d) what are the details of achievements in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) and (d) All schemes implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment are aimed at the welfare of weaker sections of society and *inter alia* also cover the state of Himachal Pradesh. The details of the schemes for the welfare of SCs & STs are enclosed in the Statement (*see* below). The information regarding funds sanctioned by the Ministry of various schemes for welfare of SC/ST and details of physical achievement are being collected.

(b) and (c) Review of all the schemes are undertaken with a view to make them user-friendly, flexible, enhance their coverage and usefullness, revise the financial norms in keeping with changes in the price-index, and to achieve better targeting of the beneficiaries. This is an on-going exercise. The regular monitoring of the implementation of the schemes is however, done by the respective State Governments and reports are sought from them from time to time. No district-wise review of schemes is done by the Ministry.

STATEMENT

(I) Welfare of Scheduled Castes

1. Special Central Assistance to Special Component Plan for SC's.
2. Schedule Caste Development Corporation.
3. Book Bank for SCs/STs.
4. Girls Hostels for SCs.
5. Boys Hostels for SCs.
6. Upgradation of Merits of SCs/STs.
7. Coaching and Allied Schemes.
8. National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of the Scavengers and their dependents.
9. Post-Matric Scholarship for SC/ST.
10. Pre-Matric Scholarship for Children of those engaged in unclean occupation.
11. Special Educational Development Programme for SC Girls.
12. PCR Act 1955 and prevention of Atrocities Act 1989.
13. Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organizations.
14. National overseas scholarship to SC/ST students.

(II) Welfare of Scheduled Tribes

1. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-plan.
2. Grant under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution.
3. Grant to Research Institutes and Award of Research Fellowship.
4. Vocational Training in Tribal areas.
5. Girls Hostels.
6. Boys Hostels.

7. Establishment of Ashram Schools in TSP areas.
8. Supportive projects of All India or Inter State Nature for STs.
9. Educational complex in low literacy pockets for development of women literacy in Tribal areas.
10. Price support operations to TRIFED.
11. Village Grain Banks.
12. Development of Primitive Tribal Groups.
13. Grant to voluntary Organizations.

(III) Other Schemes of the Ministry for benefitting the disadvantage sections of society.

1. Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for integrated programme for older persons.
2. Assistance to Panchayati Raj Institutions/Self Help groups for construction of old age home/multi service centres.
3. Assistance to Voluntary Organization working for the welfare of OBCs.
4. Pre examination coaching for OBCs.
5. Pre examination coaching centres for weaker sections based on economic criteria.
6. Assistance to Disabled for purchase/fitting of aids and appliances for disabled.
7. Scheme to promote voluntary action for persons with disabilities.
8. Assistance to Voluntary Organisation for prevention of alcoholism and substance (drug) Abuse.
9. Shishu Greh Scheme.
10. Pre-matric scholarship for OBCs.
11. Post-matric scholarship for OBCs.